ernment have received a representation from Mini Steel Plants (Electric Arc Furnaces);

(b) if so what are the demands of Mini Steel Plants; and

(c) what is the response of Government to their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) Steel Furnace Association of India and Federation of Engineering Industries have represented for waiver of custom and excise duty on production of mini steel plants. A decision will be taken on an assessment of the overall economies of the operation of these units.

Shelter for Homeless

779. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many homeless people have been provided wih shelters so far in view of the fact that 1987 has been declared by United Nations as International Year for Shelter for Home less;

(b) what is the target to be achieved during the year; and

(c) what are the non-gevernmental agencies which are engaged in this task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Housing being a State subject, the details regarding provision of shelter to the houseless population is not readily available. However, at the national level, several steps have been taken to meet the Housing shortage, some of which ar as follows:—

(i) The Public Sector outlay for housing has been raised from Rs. 1490.87 crores in the Sixth Plan to Rs. 2458.21 crores in the Seventh Plan.

(ii) The norms for income eligibility, ceiling cost and construction of ceiling Government loan assistance for various Social Housing Schemes have been enhanced.

(iii) Under the Rural House Sites cum construction Assistance Scheme for Rural Landless Workers a provision of Rs. 577 crores has been made. Of this Rs. 36 crores would be utilised to provide developed house sites of 90 sq. mts. each to 7.2 lakh landless families at the rate of Rs. 500 per family and an expenditure of Rs. 541 crores would be incurred to provide construction assistance to 271 lakh families at the rate of Rs. 2000 per family.

(iv) HUDCO has sanctioned 269 special IYSH projects for providing shelter to about ten lakh persons and basic sanitation facilities to about six lakh persons.

(c) The proposals from non-governmental agencies interested in housing activities are considered on merits.

Target for Houses under Indira Awaas Yojana

780. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses built during 1986-87 and so far in 1987-88 under Indira Gandhi Awaas Yojana;

(b) what was the target for the construction of houses under the above said programme as per the budget announcements during the above period; and

(c) what is the percentage fulfilment of the target under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) to (c) The number of houses built during 1986-87 and so far in 1987-88 under Indira Awaas Yojana are 136687 and 6373 houses respectively as per available reports.